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41st International Cooking Festival / 41回目の国際親善料理交歓会

Aril Aditian, Indonesia / アリル アディティアン, インドネシア



'I could tell from my experience that cooking can actually promote intercultural bonding ...'

41st International Cooking Festival - 2012

In her effort to promote friendship and cultural exchange among International students and the Japanese, Kyushu University Foreign Student Association (KUFSA) collaborated with Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine and Nakamura University in organizing the 41st International Cooking Festival. This event took place on 28th October 2012 at Nakamura University, Fukuoka.

Twenty international teams, comprising of students from different countries, participated in this mouth-watering event. With the assistance of Nakamura University students, each team prepared its own country's special dishes. The various kinds of foods prepared included Indonesian Soto Betawi, Italian Spaghetti, Biryani Rice from Bangladesh, Malaysian Nasi Lemak, Mexican Tacoand, Koobideh from Iran, among others.

I could tell from my experience that cooking can actually promote intercultural bonding. Sharing your country's original recipe with someone from another country does not only result in culinary exchange, but also friendship creation. While teams cooked their dishes, some Nakamura University professors were supervising the whole process. This ensured proper hygiene and high quality of the dishes that were prepared. Those professors were not only overseeing the process, but would occasionally jump in to help in the cooking. One professor helped the Indonesian team, and her knife cutting speed was amazing! They also gave useful advice on better ways of cooking various dishes. For this, I am really grateful.

It was more fun after we had finished cooking and served the dishes. Besides our dishes, a variety of Japanese foods were also prepared and served. At

this point, many invited guests joined the cooking teams and we all took time to eat. Some foods that were on high demand from the guests were finished in just one hour. While eating, we all had an opportunity to converse with each other and shared our cultural experiences.

The refreshment time was followed by a closing ceremony, which included giving of awards and souvenirs. All the cooking teams won awards for their efforts, with the Mexican team winning four 5kg bags of rice in a lucky draw. All the participating guests also went home with bags of goodies.

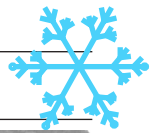
KUFSA wishes to express its profound gratitude to Dazaifu Tenmangu for their continued generous support and wishes to thank Nakamura University staff and students for their help. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the International Students and Researchers Support Center of Kyushu University for their immense assistance. Let us do it again come 2013!



Nusantara-Indonesia's Team Cooking



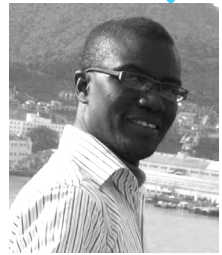
ゝ えええ！



Gabriel Adeyemi Francis, Nigeria

アディエミ フランシス ガブリエル, ナイジェリア

福岡にいるスーパーマン Superman in Fukuoka



One of man's desires is to fly just like the birds do. It was fortunate (or not) of me that my opportunity to live that dream came sooner than I expected, in September 2012 I exhibited my flying prowess on my way to meet a friend who was on admission at the Kyudai hospital.

Going to Kyudai hospital by bicycle usually takes thirty minutes from my house. Pressed for time I decided to make it in twenty minutes, so I hopped on a bicycle and went tearing down the road as if tomorrow will never come.

As I approached the stop light at the Najima Bridge I noticed that it would soon stop people coming from my direction and a waste of two minutes wasn't what I thought I could afford. So with all the energy I had I pushed on the pedals with greater vigor. Suddenly a vehicle pulled over blocking the walk way on the other side of the road. Right then I remembered Jackie Chan and 007, so I decided to make a quick

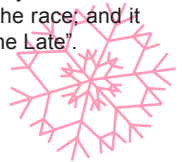
maneuver using one of the skills I had seen in their movies unaware of the fact that the path I wanted to use was rough and dusty.

After making it through the traffic light, I turned towards the rear of the standing vehicle. As the front wheel hit the rough path the only thing I could remember was that I became elevated above my bicycle as I glided in the air. After hitting the ground with a great thump I looked back and realized that I was about 5m away from where my bicycle had fallen.

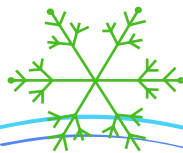
As I walked back to pick up my bicycle, I started wondering if the passersby thought that snowman was out in September on a sunny day as I was all white coming from the dusty area. I had to return home to change my clothes therefore got to the hospital to see my friend two hours late with a broken finger.

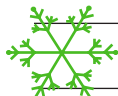
I asked myself....Why the hurry?

Guys, slow but steady wins the race, and it is better to be late than to be "The Late".



Guys, slow but steady wins the race;
and it is better to be late than to be
"The Late".





▽ オピニオン ニッポン

平原 豪人、日本
Hideto Hirahara, Japan

やっぱスポーツっていいね!
Sports are always great!

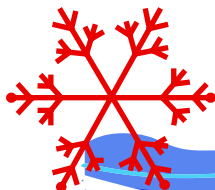
10月13日の夜、自然とこぼれる笑顔を抑え床に就く。こんなに必死になって動いて、たくさんの仲間と喜び合ったのはいつ以来だろう?思い出しでは笑顔になる。さかのぼること3日。早朝の伊都のグラウンドにいた。そこにはKUFSA主催のサッカー大会に向けて練習しよう!!ってことで半ば無理矢理連れてこられた自分が立っていた。チーム名はBirds、留学生と日本人の多国籍チームでした。ちょっと前まで留学生のTAで、かつGK経験があったことで連れてこられたらしい。そんな状態で参加した最初の日の練習は正直言って面白くなかったです。チームのメンバーは寄せ集めのなところもあり、お互いよく知らない中での練習。流れるぎこちない雰囲気。最初のアップの段階では自然と日本人と留学生で分かれてしまっていました。翌日の朝練もほぼ同じような感じでした。

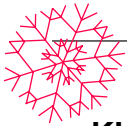
そんな状態で大丈夫だろうかという心配の中迎えた当日。この日初めて顔を合わせるメンバーもいました。試合前の練習でも、昨日までの固さが残っていました。まあ、1勝でもできればいいかなとそんな状態で迎えた初戦。「ピーッ!!」ホイッスルが鳴る。その瞬間から何かが大きく変わり、チームBirdsがまさしく「飛び始めた」そんな感じがしました。メンバーが多かったので応援に回る人が多かったのですが、最初から彼らが大きな声援を送ってくれました。それ



につられて動きが良くなって行くフィールドのプレイヤー達、一番後ろから見ていてとても楽しかった〜!! ハーフタイムでは先程までの固さが嘘のように弾む会話。サッカーという共通の話題、体験が”足りなかった部分”を埋めていくような感覚。チームの団結力はどんどん上がっていました。その初戦に見事勝利を収めると、もう止まりません。チームの雰囲気もどんどん良くなる。試合前の練習でも、今までの光景はなく、みんなで一緒に練習をしていました。その後の試合にもチームBirdsは勝ち続け、迎えた決勝戦。盛り上がる応援で最後まで戦い続けるメンバー。そして…フィールドになだれ込むメンバー。自然と出来る大きな輪、Birdsの合唱!!もう大喜び!!ぐしゃぐしゃでもう何が何だかわかりません。取り敢えず…みんな!!ありがとう!!

この大会を通して思ったことが「共通の体験」の素晴らしさ。あと一歩が踏み出せないでいる多くのちよつとシャイな日本人(自分を含む)たちの背中を押してくれる「共通の体験」イベントこれからも楽しみにしてます!!





▼ KUFSA Event

Wasu Mekratanaworakul, Thailand

メックラタナワラグン ワス, タイ

KUFSA Soccer Tournament, from a player's perspective

KUFSAサッカー大会、出場者の感想

The tournament strengthened the bond between us and left us with sweet memories. I really wish to see more people join and experience this great opportunity in the future.

KUFSA soccer tournament comes off annually and this year it was held on October 13 at Ito Campus. Eight teams played in the tournament. Many foreign and Japanese students, who enjoy the game of soccer as either spectators or players

attended the event. Although it was a one-day tournament, it was one of the most exciting events for many people, especially my friends. As we know, sport serves as a tool to keep body and mind healthy and is indeed a very enjoyable activity. KUFSA soccer tournament delivered more than that.

Perhaps, everyone who joined this event would agree that the tournament created a great opportunity for establishment of new friendship ties and strengthening of existing ones.

In order to be eligible to play in the tournament, we gathered people together and formed a multinational team that we called Birds. One of my team members suggested that we practiced before lectures in the morning for a week before the tournament. Outdoor sports during the cold

season are not usually attractive to some people. However, notwithstanding the chilly atmosphere typical of the autumn season, my team was dedicated and practiced every morning for a week, although we did not do serious drills. We practiced

for about half an hour each day to understand each player's strengths and weaknesses and to learn how to play together as a team. It was a good memory for all of us.

On the day of the competition, the day that everyone was looking forward to, my teammates were very cheerful. It was

awesome watching how we laughed and play together. Definitely, the unforgettable moments were the happy and lively moments we shared with each other. During the matches, which saw teams from different countries and ones made of mixed nationalities matching against each other, everyone played quite hard while yet recognizing that having fun mattered the most. My team played excellently well, winning all its matches to emerge as the winner of the 2012 KUFSA soccer tournament.





日本で民間宿舎を借りるには How to rent a private apartment in Japan



In Japan, a joint surety ("Rentai hosyou-nin") is usually required to make a lease contract. When Kyushu University international students rent a private apartment, KU can be your joint surety if you join "Comprehensive Renters' Insurance for Foreign Students". This insurance premium may cover accidental fire, water leak, accidental/self-inflicted injury and so on.

A joint surety bears a heavier responsibility than a general guarantor. If you have unpaid rent, use the accommodation improperly, or cause anything by your liability for accidents, KU gives you sound and proper guidance as your joint surety.

手続きのながれ／Correct procedure

Step1 Choose accommodation at a real estate agent approved as a subcontractor by the insurance noted above. If you are not sure which real estate agent can be available for this system, consult with us.

Step2 To make your guarantor request, bring your student ID card, Residence Card, and *seal ("hanko") to the KU International Student Office in Hakozaki campus or Support Center in other campuses. *If you don't have a seal, your signature will be accepted.

Step3 Pay the premium at a convenience store, a bank or a post office and receive a receipt there. Then, go back to the KU office where you visit at step2 to submit it.

Step4 Fill in the contract document and submit it to the real estate agent to get their signature/seal.

Step5 Submit the contract document including the signature/seal of the real estate agent to the KU office in step2. Final check of your document will be completed for a week or two.

Step6 Submit the completed contract document to the real estate agent and move into your apartment!

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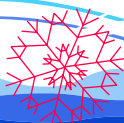
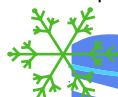
Orientation for renting the private apartments

It will be held mainly for KU international students who have to move out of KU dormitories in March 2013. Various housing information will be provided, so please join this orientation to find your best apartment! For details, please visit the following website.

サポートセンターウェブサイト

Support Center website: Event Information

<http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/english/3590.html>



Cultural Exchange with International Students and Spouses

留学生家族との交流

2012年度 前期プログラム

場所 - **Place:**

九州大学留学生センター分室, 箱崎, 1F
Annex of International Student Center,
Hakozaki Campus

主催 - **Host:**

福岡フレンドリークラブ (Fukuoka Friendly-
Club)

活動 - **Activity:**

日本語教室 (Japanese Class)

Every Wednesday 13:00-14:30

茶話会 (Tea Time, Once a Month) 14:00-16:00

スケジュール

Schedule for tea time Japanese Culture

10月 7日 (水)

ミニ パーティー

Mini Party

11月 7日 (水)

バザー

Bazaar (12:30-14:30)

12月 5日 (水)

茶道(さどう)

Tea Ceremony

日本人学生さんも、大歓迎!

We are always here to help you and the door
is always open for you!!!



KUFSA Event Schedule

11月 **November 2012**
KUFSA One-day Bus Trip

Ohashi Campus Festival

12月 **December 2012**
International Friendship Party

1月 **January 2013**
Badminton Tournament



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Meeting with Kyudai-Kai

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